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AMUSEMENTS TODAY.

Salt Lake—Matinee and night, "Divorçons."
Orpheum—Matinee and night, Vaudeville.
Grand—Matinee and night, "His Terrible Secret."
Lyric—Matinee and night, "Oh, Yvette."

WEATHER FOR SALT LAKE

Fair and warmer.

THE METALS.

Silver, 55 1/2¢ per ounce.
Copper (cathodes), 12 11-16¢ per pound.
Lead, 4 1/2¢ per 100 pounds.

DININNY ON DEBT LIMITS.

City Attorney Dininny has had a revelation on the amount of new bonds the city may issue without exceeding its debt limit, and like some of Dininny's other revelations it is, or ought to be, subject to revision without notice.

The special auditors who have adorned the city pay roll so long and so dearly, figured the ultimate limit of new bonds at less than \$700,000, whereas Dininny sees a possible \$1,880,000 in his dream of bonds. He arrives at this result by assuming that the refunding bonds issued to take up the city's debt incurred in territorial days are not a debt at all in the sense that they apply to the city's limit.

Now, strange as it may seem, the constitution of the state of Utah does not take the same view of the debt limit that Mr. Dininny does. The constitution says, in article 14, section 4, that "No city, town, school district or other municipal corporation, shall become indebted to an amount, including existing indebtedness, exceeding 4 per centum of the value of taxable property therein. . . . Provided further, that any city . . . may be allowed to incur a larger indebtedness, not exceeding 4 per centum additional, for supplying such city or town with water, artificial light or sewers."

It will be noted that this constitutional provision includes "existing indebtedness" in its restriction upon the limit of bond issues. It does not except refunding bonds or any other bonds, but it does implicitly include all outstanding indebtedness.

As a matter of fact, the bonds referred to were called "refund" issues because the bondholders wished their securities to retain their original status; and when that issue was up for discussion the best lawyers in the city held that the bonds would take rank as a part of the city's limited debt. In the constitutional convention the same view was taken of the question. In the case of the state a specific exception was made by which the state limit of \$200,000 was in addition to the existing territorial indebtedness; and even then the limit was to be applied whenever the territorial debt had been extinguished.

There is another constitutional clause which the city administration seems to have overlooked. It is article 14, section 3, and it says: "No debt in excess of the taxes for the current year shall be created . . . by any city, town or village . . . unless the proposition shall have been submitted to a vote of such qualified electors as shall have paid a property tax therein in the year preceding such election."

In 1907 the present administration created an indebtedness in excess of its revenue from taxes amounting to about \$150,000, without authority from this provision of the constitution. There is a serious question, also, as to whether some of the vouchers issued in 1907 were not illegal, being in excess of the debt limit. As to this

and other details of the city's financial condition there is no information, because the council, its special auditors and all the officials who might possibly have the information refuse to make the facts known.

The joyous reception accorded Dininny's opinion by the city hall officials would seem to indicate that, in their judgment, a prospective increase in the load of city debt is a cause for jubilation. Needless to say that view is confined to the city officials; the common citizen would feel much more like celebrating if Dininny, or some one else in authority, were to discover some way of reducing the city's extravagant expenditures. Such a contingency is unlikely, of course, because no one in the administration is trying to find a method of economizing. Their aim in life is to find how far the debt limit can be stretched to furnish funds for another year of municipal dissipation. Happily, two obstacles are in their path: the necessity for submitting any proposal for new bonds to a vote of the taxpayers, and the certainty that no bond issue in excess of the real debt limit could find purchasers at any price, no matter what the opinion of the city attorney as to the legal limit. Bond buyers have lawyers who pass upon just such questions as this, and they are not influenced in their opinion by the political exigencies of city administrations in need of cash.

THE BUDGE CASE.

The decision of the supreme court of Idaho in the Budge case settles very definitely the right of Mormons to exercise the right of franchise in that state. No matter what the individual belief, the court holds that practice determines whether the law is violated or not; that a belief in "celestial" marriage is no barrier to civil rights under the Idaho constitution, provided there is no actual bigamy or polygamy involved. The court holds with counsel for both sides of the case that the "test oath" clause of the constitution is self-operative and needs no supplemental legislation to make it effective; and, by inference, it holds that polygamists or bigamists are prohibited from exercising the elective franchise, serving on juries or holding office.

Apparently both the Mormons and anti-Mormons are satisfied with the decision, if the expression of opinions by their newspapers may be accepted as genuine. The Mormons take it for granted, and seemingly with good reason, that the court's opinion clears the church of the charge that it has in recent years taught or advised the practice of polygamy—a conclusion that would prevent the disfranchisement of church members who do not practice polygamy. On the other hand, the anti-Mormons profess to believe that the decision is a victory for them in that it declares the test oath self-operative and self-acting, and so makes the administration of the test oath a possible condition of elections throughout the state.

To the disinterested observer the opinion of the court is not only good law, but the soundest kind of common sense. What a man believes about the hereafter has no more to do with his right to vote than has his complexion or the color of his hair, so long as he observes the law in his daily life. The chief value of the decision is in the removal from political discussion of at least one subject of contention that had no place in politics so long as the courts were open for determination of the constitution's intent.

EXIT MR. BELL.
With the surreptitiousness of men who are doing something of which they desire the public to know as little as possible, District Attorney Loofbourov and County Attorney Hanson Thursday afternoon effected the release of the bunco stealer and criminal, W. W. St. Clair, alias Bell, from custody. St. Clair, or Bell, as he was known in the McWhirter case, was taken into court after 5 o'clock, at an hour when the greatest secrecy is possible, and allowed to plead guilty to a charge of conspiracy. Then, at the suggestion of the district attorney, he was sentenced to serve ten months in jail, the term being dated back to May 15, 1907, when Bell was brought back here from Omaha.

It seems to us that the prosecuting officials treated Bell very badly, indeed, in compelling him to serve eleven days more than his sentence. In this they permitted a frightful miscarriage of justice. Bell should certainly have been remunerated handsomely for his overtime, and we suggest that Loofbourov and Hanson be required to make a monetary settlement with him, if they have not already done so. Nothing more inhuman has come under our attention in recent years. We are moved almost to tears when we think of the unfortunate Bell languishing in a prison cell, deprived of liberty and the pursuit of happiness for eleven weary days longer than his legal term of imprisonment.

Seriously, the release of Bell is an outrage. This man was confessedly guilty of participation in the McWhirter robbery. He swore on the witness stand that he received part of the money. He also testified that he was present when the fictitious arrests were made, that he knew the entire proceeding was a rotten swindle and that he subsequently assisted in hustling the victims out of the city. If ever a man deserved a penitentiary sentence that man was St. Clair, alias Bell. And yet he is permitted by complainant attorneys to go practically scot free.

At the time of the Sheets trial the

attorneys for the defense squarely charged that Bell was in the employ of the prosecution and that he would not be punished for his part in the robbery. The accusation was vigorously resented by Mr. Loofbourov and by Mr. Hanson. Now there is abundant prima facie evidence to show that there was a deal between Bell and the prosecutors, that he was promised immunity in return for his testimony. In the light of this circumstance the renomination of either Loofbourov or Hanson for the offices they hold will be absolutely inexcusable.

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stingley announce the engagement of their daughter, Lela, to Joseph J. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thatcher of Denver are in town, guests of Judge and Mrs. J. C. Royle at their home.

Mr. W. F. James will entertain today at a luncheon at the Alta club in compliment to her guest, Miss Deryl James of Iowa.

The Bay View Reading club gives an elaborate Japanese tea this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Richard Savage on Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bell entertained over thirty of their friends last evening at cards, the game being 500. The rooms of their home were bright with flowers, deep rose pink carnations and green forming the decorations. The host and hostess were assisted by their niece, Miss Emma Zane, and by Miss Frances Ferguson.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss Ruby Mabel Thompson to Earl Vernon Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be at home after April 10 at No. 10 Narvex apartments.

Mrs. Charles Shields of Park City, who has been visiting friends in town for a few days, leaves this morning for her home.

Miss Bess Primeaux entertained the members of her sewing club Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. L. Archer.

Miss Edith Mudgett entertained the girls of her sewing club yesterday afternoon at a matinee party at the Orpheum.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. McCrea entertained the Friday Evening Card club at their home last night.

Mrs. Matthew Cullen entertained the Sewing club and a few other guests yesterday afternoon at a Kensington.

Miss Mary Louise Anderson returned home Friday evening from Chicago, where she has been spending the past winter with her brother, William Pierce Anderson.

The Governors' club gave its third and last dance last evening at the

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Odeon. It was attended by 200 couples. The hall presented a brilliant scene with the green and blue decoration and many electrical effects. Throughout the evening the members of the club received in the club rooms on the ground floor of the building.

THE SILVER LINING.

(Boston Post.)
One afternoon Mrs. Murphy appeared at the settlement house, all dressed up in her best bonnet and shawl. A huge black and blue spot disfigured one side of her face, however, and one eye was nearly closed. "Why, Mrs. Murphy, what is the matter?" cried one of the teachers; and then, realizing that she might have asked a tactless question, she hastily turned it off by saying: "Well, cheer up, you might be worse off." "Sure an' I might," responded the indignant Mrs. Murphy. "I might not be married at all."

LIFTING COIN THEIR SPECIALTY.

(Baltimore Sun.)
"Uncle Joe" Cannon is said to have prolonged his vitality by the early use of a lifting machine. But it doesn't seem to have been the kind most of the politicians use.

The "Servant Problem" is Easy

The "servant problem" has no terrors for the home that knows

Shredded Wheat

Being ready-cooked and ready-to-serve it is a boon to the housekeeper who is called upon to quickly prepare an appetizing, nourishing meal. Something to "lean upon" when cooks fail and servants fail.

For breakfast heat the Biscuit in oven, pour milk over it (hot milk in winter) and a little cream. If you like the Biscuit for breakfast you will like toasted TRISCUIT (the Shredded Wheat wafer) for luncheon or any meal with butter, cheese or marmalade. At your grocers.

The Quiet Elegance

Exemplified in the Brandwin hats has proven unusually attractive to those who delight in the exclusive Parisian and American models as shown in the creations at this shop.

In correct styles for morning, afternoon and evening there are no two alike.

Brandwin's 160 Main St.

Colman's
DRY GOODS STORE
222-224 MAIN ST.

Read all about the special merchandise events and great money savings that will take place here tomorrow.

First-class merchandise greatly underpriced is the rule for Saturday, and you will find everything exactly as advertised and just as exactly as represented.

A visit here and an investigation of these items will surely make a purchaser of you.

Gingham Aprons Large size, full length and width "cover-all" gingham kitchen aprons, made of best quality checked ginghams, regular 65c grade, for 49c	Fancy Ribbons Up to 40c grade of warp printed all-silk Persian and Dresden figured ribbon, 3 to 5 inches wide, choice Saturday, per yard 25c	Children's Waists Farris good sense waists for children, made of fine cotton, come in gray and white; every mother knows this waist and knows they're a bargain, for Saturday at 19c
Latest Buster Belts Patent Leather buster brown belts, in white, red or black, made with Holster and toy pistol to fit same, a novelty for the boys, only 35c	Belt Buckles Big variety of new shapes in buckles, black, oxidized and gilt. Roman polished and rose gold finished, plain or jeweled designs, values up to 35c; special Saturday 19c	Men's Hose Men's fine cotton hose in black, gray, tan and brown. A regular 25c grade, specially priced, per pair 15c

GREAT SALE VALUES IN LONG KID GLOVES! 12 and 16-Button Lengths.

We have just received about 500 pairs of "Mended" gloves from our importers including the real Monarchs, Derbies and Superbas in 12 and 16 button lengths, in black, white, tan, Marvon, etc. These are gloves that have ripped out in the seams while being fitted to customers over the counter and are returned to the importers for new ones in exchange. After being deftly mended which in most cases cannot be detected they are in reality as good as new and will give the best possible service and wear. The only real difference between these gloves and the strictly new ones is the price. Every glove woman knows that these high class long gloves sell regularly from \$3.50 to \$4.50 per pair and it will be worth your while to examine these mended gloves and save over half

Silk Special! Regular 85c Grade Tussahs, Foulards and Peau de Cygnes. 48 cents THE TUSSAHS come in an excellent range of stripes in various colors and sizes, on natural grounds. THE FOULARDS come in rings and various size coin dots, in navy, brown, tan and black grounds. THE PEAU DE CYGNES come in a full range of plain colors, including cream and black, all of the above are regular 85c grades, priced specially for Saturday's selling.	Panama Suits Special Full range of colors, in a good grade of Panama suitings, strictly half wool and a good wearing fabric, for suits and skirts, specially priced for one day only, per yard— 27c	Saturday Specials in LADIES' DAINTY NECKWEAR! The daintiest lace and batiste combinations in newest shapes of up-to-date neckwear for ladies, stocks, jabots, etc., styles that sell for 65c and 75c, Saturday 59c Batwing bows, made of pretty nets with Val lace edges, exquisite and dainty, regular 25c bows 12 1/2c The new and scarce striped colored embroidered linen collars, excellent assortment of colorings and embroidered designs, come in all sizes, regular 25c collars for 12 1/2c
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This is the Last Call to the Great Sale of

Lace Curtains!

Tremendous Savings Rule in This Sale
\$2.50 Cable net curtains, last day sale price
\$1.25
\$3.50 frilled net curtains, special for last days of the sale
\$1.85
Brussels net curtains, all white, values \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$7.50, very high-class curtains, to be closed out Saturday, your pick at
\$4.40
Battenberg scarfs, prettily designed Battenberg lace border all around, size 20x64, worth \$1.50; your choice Saturday
75c

These \$1.50 Petticoats will not linger here very long at

98c

Sateens, luster cloth and ginghams. A lot of petticoats greatly underpriced. With full circular flounce, trimmed with bias folds, ruffles, accordion pleating, some are hemstitched. Made very full. Ginghams come in tan, blue and pink sateen and luster cloth, black only. Don't wait if you wish to secure one at this price.

ANOTHER OF OUR GREAT

COAT SALES

FOR LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDREN.

Newest Garments at Sale Prices.

Ordinarily it would be impossible to supply such values as these, but as a feature for special sale today they were specially secured at unusual price allowances.

They are correct in every detail. A great collection of snappy new styles.



Misses' and Children's Coats—Special No. 1—\$1.95.

Ladies', Misses, and Children's Coats—Special No. 2—\$2.75.

Coats and jackets, plain and fancy weaves, checks and stripes, including the University red and new Copenhagen and tan covers. Some with velvet collar and cuffs, others braid trimmed.

Ladies' and Misses' Coats—Special No. 3—\$5.95.

Covert box jacket, plain and fancy, trimmed velvet collars, values that cannot possibly be duplicated elsewhere. In this lot will be found another bargain, also in Ladies' black taffeta silk coats, 28-inch length, full pleated front and back neatly braid trimmed.

Ladies' and Misses' Coats—Special No. 4—\$8.50.

A great collection of smart new coats at this price in covert, taffeta silk, fancy weaves, peau de soie, etc., in entirely new styles, also traveling, dust or rain coats, full length, in cravenette and rubberized mohair silk, in all colors. These need only to be seen to be appreciated.